

INDIAN VICEROY LOSES HIS WIFE

Lady Curzon, Formerly Miss
Lester, of Chicago, Dies in
England.

SHE HAD BEEN ILL TWO YEARS

Condition Gave No Cause for
Anxiety Until Late in
Afternoon.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 18.—Lady Curzon, of Kedleston, wife of the former Viceroy of India, and daughter of the late Lord Curzon, died at 5:40 o'clock this evening. She never quite recovered from her serious illness at Walmers Castle, Kent, in 1904, and the result, not yet brought on a pronounced attack of general debility. It was not until this afternoon that Lady Curzon's condition gave cause for anxiety. At about noon she grew worse, and two specialists were called in. They remained in attendance till the end. Lady Curzon leaves two daughters. It was announced at the Curzon residence this evening that the final cause of Lady Curzon's death was heart failure, but she had been suffering from complications which were the sequel of her terrible illness of two years. The funeral, the date of which has not yet been fixed, will take place at Kedleston, Lady Curzon, of Kedleston, was Mary Lettice Curzon, daughter of the late Lord Curzon, who was in her right the possessor of £100,000. From Chicago the family moved to Washington, and later traveled extensively and entertained lavishly. During a stay in England, Miss Lettice Curzon, daughter of the late Lord Curzon, fourth Baron Scarsdale, they were married in 1895. In 1898, Curzon was created first Baron Curzon, of Kedleston, and in 1899, was appointed viceroy and governor-general of India, which post he resigned in August, 1905.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY GREAT SOCIAL EVENT

Her Two Sisters Were Also Mar-
ried in Washington to
Englishmen.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 18.—The marriage of the daughter of the late Lord Curzon, to the son of the late Lord Curzon, was one of the great social events of Washington. The ceremony was attended by all the notables in official, diplomatic and resident circles. Bishop Talbot officiated, assisted by Rev. Dr. John Mackay-Smith. Surrounded by every luxury that wealth could suggest, an acknowledged beauty, and the possessor of many accomplishments by travel, study and observation, she was distinguished in her young ladyhood above other girls. Her debut at a party of large receptions given by her parents in the early nineties at their home, on Dupont Circle, was followed by a triumphal season abroad, from which she returned the betrothed of George Nathaniel Curzon, M. P., then under secretary for foreign affairs.

BRILLIANT CAREER OF LOVELY WOMAN

When Mary Lettice, daughter of the multi-millionaire toy goods merchant of Chicago, was married in 1895 to George Nathaniel Curzon, a young Englishman of small fortune, but good social position and fair political prospects, it was not



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LADY CURZON.

considered a brilliant match, as international marriages go. He was only a Parliamentary Secretary for the Foreign Office. But when, on the retirement of Lord Curzon, young Curzon was appointed Viceroy of India, his wife became a big star in the British social firmament. The position is, perhaps, the most important under the British crown.

Lady Curzon's full name before marriage was Mary Lettice Curzon. She was a sister of the famous plunger, "Joe" Lettice, at one time known as "King of the Wheat Pit." Lord Curzon was a traveler of note. He has written books about his journeys the world over, but more particularly in Persia and Afghanistan, which have become standard works. The Lettices were spending the winter in Washington when he met the young woman who won his heart. It was a genuine love match on both sides. Of all the marriages of American girls to English noblemen, this has turned out to be one of the happiest.

Lady Curzon has occupied abroad such a proud and distinctive position as "the American Queen of India," as the Vicerine has frequently been called. Helped Her Husband in Politics.

While the Curzons were on their honeymoon the downfall of the Rosebery Cabinet made a new Parliamentary election necessary. Lord Curzon was selected to stand for a seat. He had entered the cause with a doubtful district with as much enthusiasm as his husband did. Following the tactics adopted by another American woman, Lady Randolph Churchill, a few years before, she electioneered for Lord Curzon's election. Not only did she sit on the platform beside him when he made important public speeches, but she drove through the towns and villages of Lancashire, and made the acquaintance of the voters, their wives and their children. Under the strict bribery laws in English electioneering this was a difficult task for an impulsive American girl. But Lady Curzon managed in no small degree due to her winning personality.

During the early days of their married life the Curzons lived in Carlton Gardens while in London. They had a comfortable home at the Priory, Reigate. Spurred on by his American wife, Lord Curzon worked hard and progressed rapidly. In foreign affairs he was Lord Salisbury's right-hand man. There were three other men, all with powerful influence, mentioned for Viceroy of India when Lord Curzon's retirement became inevitable. But the preference was given to Lord Curzon. He was only thirty-nine years old at the time. Statesmen were, therefore, astonished. They had expected to see the viceregal throne occupied by a much older man. It was a position styled second to that of King Edward VII.

The Brilliant Indian Court.
Lord Curzon is ruler of 500,000,000 people. He lives in surroundings of splendor unapproached by any other Minister of the Crown. The magnificence of his palace and its environments is but faintly understood by persons not familiar with East Indian life. Without question, the viceregal court in India is far more brilliant in its ceremonial functions than the court of St. James. This is necessary in order to conform to native ideas of splendor. To please the natives, everything must be carried out with truly Oriental ideas of lavishness. That gold and silver thrones are used at dinners, or receptions of Rajahs, and other state functions, is only a detail of the incomparable splendor which is part and parcel of viceregal life. Lord Curzon's salary amounts to \$125,000 a year. He has a beautiful residence at Calcutta, the cost \$500,000 to build, and another small palace at Harackpore, which is a riverside residence, about twelve miles from the city. This is used principally for week-end entertainments.

There is also a magnificent summer palace at Simla, used during the six hottest months of the year. The natural surroundings of this place are unsurpassed. It is built on the summit of a hill, surrounded by steeply rising, forested hills, with a wealth of rhododendrons, cypresses, and other trees in a mantle of green and gray moss. As far as the eye can reach there is nothing but a mass of sylvan grotesques and hanging gardens. Besides several suites of superb apartments, the palace has a ballroom and a theatre.

A Beautiful Woman.
Lady Curzon was considered one of the most beautiful women of rank in England, and during the viceregal life of her husband, Baron Curzon, in India, she gathered around her brilliant circle of both American and European beauties, many of whom attended the Durbar, the most brilliant social event of the Curzon

Indian administration, extending from 1899 to 1905.

Lady Curzon's two sisters, formerly Miss Nettle and Miss Daisy Lettice, of Chicago and Washington, now Mrs. Colin Powys Campbell and the Countess of Suffolk, both met the men they subsequently married while visiting their sister and taking part in the Durbar gayeties. Both Lord Suffolk and Major Campbell were members of Lord Curzon's staff in India, and both were married in Washington during the latter part of 1904, only two weeks intervening between the two weddings.

The Countess of Suffolk has her home at Charlton Park, in Wiltshire, Eng., a stately Jacobean mansion, the oldest part of which was built during the reign of James I., and the more modern portion by the Earl of Suffolk during the period of the American Revolution.

WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN DIES FROM HOME

**Mr. Frank D. Davenport Passes
Away at Atlantic City, After
Long Ill Health.**

In the death of Mr. Frank A. Davenport, at Atlantic City, Wednesday night, this community has lost a valuable citizen, and his family a lovely and devoted relative and friend. Mr. Davenport had been known here for years and greatly respected. He went into the late firm of Davenport & Morris first as a clerk, to leave the business afterwards, becoming an active and leading partner. Of late he has not been actively engaged in business.

His funeral will take place from the residence of his brother, Mr. Isaac Davenport, No. 510 West Franklin Street, at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The following is a list of the pallbearers: Messrs. Levin Joynes, Fred W. Scott, Leigh R. Page, Saunders Hobson, W. G. Ferguson, W. B. Massey, Joseph E. Willard, G. H. Christman, Jr., T. N. Carter, Allen Potts, Rolfe E. Glover, John Pickrel, Dudley McDonald, Coleman Northam, E. O. McCabe, T. C. Williams, Jr., John Stewart Bryan, Joseph A. White.

OBITUARY.

Miss Kate Duncel.

Miss Kate Duncel, for many years a teacher in the public schools in this city, and of late the assistant superintendent of the colored High and Normal School, died in Berlin, Germany, on July 18, where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Duncel, under the direction of Prof. Casper, a noted physician of Berlin, underwent an acute operation on July 21.

Miss Duncel, it is known, was born in 1874 in company with Miss Florence Bloomer and Mr. Charles Straus, who were with her when she came to this country. Her father, Mr. Otto Duncel, who has been residing in Paris for the last few years, Miss Duncel was survived by two brothers and two sisters, and was an exemplary, highly educated and cultured young lady, and leaves many friends to mourn her death. She was buried in Berlin July 21.

General W. S. Shands.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COURTLAND, VA., July 18.—General W. S. Shands, an honored and distinguished citizen of this county, and father of State Senator William Shands, died at his residence here this morning in the eighty-seventh year of his age. He came to this county in 1862, located here for the practice of law, and practiced his profession continuously until a few years ago, when he retired from active practice on account of declining health.

A few years after locating here he represented this district in the State Senate. At the outbreak of the Civil War he was general of the State militia, and he went into the service of his State in command of a company of reserve artillery at Thicketford. He was a brave and gallant soldier and patriot.

His remains will be entered in Riverside Cemetery in this place, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. G. W. Aleshire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, VA., July 18.—Mrs. George W. Aleshire, aged thirty-seven years, died at her home near Hazyton, this county yesterday. Mrs. Aleshire had been blind from her birth, and was a graduate of the D. D. and B. Institute, of Staunton. Her death was very sudden, her husband being in a Winchester hospital at the time, receiving treatment.

James D. Ruffner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISA, VA., July 18.—Mr. James D. Ruffner, one of the oldest residents of Louisa county, died at his home at Hazyton, this county, yesterday evening. He was eighty-one years old, and up to two months ago

had led an active life. He leaves three sons—James and J. W. Ruffner, of Louisa, and J. W. Ruffner, of West Virginia.

Miss Emma Cole.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEESBURG, VA., July 18.—Miss Emma Cole, daughter of Mr. J. W. Cole, of Leesburg, Loudoun county, died at the residence of her father, Tuesday afternoon from typhoid fever, aged twenty years. A brother, Mr. Howard Cole, of the Leesburg National Bank, survives.

Miss Mary B. Conway.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., July 18.—Miss Mary B. Conway, daughter of the late Dr. U. Y. Conway, of Stafford county, died at night at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Bloxton, in that county, aged seventy-six years. She is survived by three sisters.

Mrs. Denie Rice.
MOODY, DENVER CO., VA., July 18.—Mrs. Denie Rice, aged eighty-one years, wife of the late Davy Rice, died Monday morning. Mrs. Rice was a lady of Christian faith, and a great friend. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Wickham, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was buried in the family burial ground Tuesday afternoon.

VETERAN COMMITS SUICIDE BY HANGING

Carefully Adjusted a Pad So the
Rope Would Not Cut
His Neck.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., July 18.—Aaron J. Evans, a member of the convalescent company at the National Soldiers' Home, Hampton, committed suicide early this morning by hanging himself in the bathroom near his quarters.

Evans was released yesterday from the guard-house, where he had been confined for drunkenness. He seemed to be in the best of spirits last night, and just before retiring, talked cheerfully with Captain Thomas J. Hubbard, commanding his company.

It is supposed that the man left his bed and went to the bathroom between 1 and 5 o'clock this morning. He tied a rope to a water pipe, eight feet overhead, and then placed a noose around his neck, and fastened a hook on his neck to keep the rope from cutting into the flesh. Then he swung himself forward and strangled to death, with his feet on the floor. The lifeless body was discovered by an orderly shortly after 5 o'clock.

Evans was a North Carolinian by birth, but he served with the Northern army during the Civil War. He served with the Fifth New York Heavy Artillery. He was sixty-four years old and had been an inmate of the Home for years.

Relatives of the deceased in North Carolina have been notified, and the body will not be buried until they are heard from.

CIVIL SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA

New Collector Issues Orders
Sweet to Subordinates' Ears.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 17.—The new local revenue collector for the Western District of North Carolina, George H. Brown, of Statesville, yesterday assumed the duties of his office.

Mr. Brown issued an order to the effect that all commissions should be in force, subject to the rules of the civil service, which means that any changes made would be for the good of the service without reference to politics. This district holds a unique position, having lately been placed by the President under civil service rules. Mr. Brown said that he had no intention when the civil service examinations, which will determine if any of the present employees are incompetent, will be held.

Struck by Lightning.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., July 18.—The country home of Hurricane Branch, four miles from Suffolk, occupied by the family of E. C. Nelms, was struck by lightning last night. The lightning struck a screen door which was demolished, and jumped from that to Mrs. Nelms, who was in an adjoining room, without injuring the partition.

DEATHS.

BYRD.—Died, at 8:45 A. M., July 18th, at the home of I. A. Beaver, 320 North Twenty-sixth Street, GEORGE WASHINGTON BYRD, of the family of a family servant of the late A. Jeff Vaughan, deceased. Funeral will take place from the above residence at 4 P. M. to-morrow. Age about ninety years. Petersburg papers please copy.

BETHEL.—Died, at the residence of her parents, 825 China Street, ANNIE KEITH, infant daughter of Thomas J. and Mary H. Bethel, aged 16 months. Funeral from the residence of J. C. MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock.

DAVENPORT.—Died, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, July 17, 1906, in the forty-seventh year of his age, Mr. FRANK ALLEN DAVENPORT, son of the late Griffin B. and Alice H. Davenport. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Isaac Davenport, 510 West Franklin Street, at 5:30 P. M. THURSDAY, July 19, 1906.

DUNKEL.—Died, in Berlin, Germany, July 6, 1906, MISS KATE DUNKEL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunkel, of this city. Her remains will be taken to Berlin, Germany.

FRANK.—Died, July 18th, at 8:30 P. M., at the residence of her parents, 825 China Street, FRANK WARREN FRANK, infant daughter of Edith J. and C. W. Frank, aged eighteen months. Funeral from the residence of J. C. MORROW (Thursday) at 4 P. M. Interment Riverview.

LEVY.—Died suddenly Wednesday morning, at Monroe, N. C., Mr. ABEL LEVY, brother-in-law of Mr. Moses Meyer, and Mr. Jacob Meyer, of this city, and Mr. Henry Meyer, of Baltimore. Funeral from Mortuary Chapel, at 10 A. M.

TOMLINSON-SHELTON, WILLIAM, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tomlinson, died at the residence of his father, 814 P. M., age eight days.

WOOD.—Died, at 5:30 P. M., July 18, at the residence of his brother, W. E. Wood, 421 Denny Street, CHARLES WOOD, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. Funeral notice later. Norfolk papers please copy.

WILKINSON.—Died, at midnight, July 18th, at her residence, 1232 West Leigh, MAHIA WILKINSON, wife of Powell Wilkinson, aged thirty-two years. No notice of funeral later.

Let The Times-Dispatch be sent you wherever you go this summer. Don't forget to order it before leaving. Address changed on phone on August 1st.

HEARING AGAINST SOUTHERN BELL

Claim Made That Charges in
Large Exchange Must Be
Higher.

THE MORRIS ARSON CASE

Negro Who Drove Morris Details
Suspicious Circumstances
About the Fire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., July 18.—The hearing of the complaints against the Southern Bell Telephone Company for reduction of long distance tolls and local exchange rentals continued to-day before the Corporation Commission, being devoted principally to testimony by General Manager Gentry, who was examined as to the comparative cost of telephone and telegraph service. He also corroborated Mr. F. C. Topleman, who testified last evening that the rates for subscribers for service in a large exchange would have to be higher than in a small exchange, the expense of equipment, and maintenance being so much greater.

A petition from 187 subscribers to the Bell Exchange, at Charlotte, was filed, charging that the rates for subscribers in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county were excessive. These could not be admitted in the present hearing, because ten days' notice was necessary in such cases. It looks now like all the week will be consumed in the hearing.

The trial of M. L. Norris, a prominent merchant here, on the charge of burning the Norris farmhouse last November, was gotten well under way to-day. In that case the evidence is very much the same as that brought out in the preliminary trial.

Robert Street, the negro who drove Norris on his rounds to the country stores in that section on the day of the fire, was examined, and repeated his story to-day, which was about the suspicious circumstances of Norris's visit to the house about dark, and the fire following about 8 o'clock.

He got out, tried the door, and, carrying a valise with him back of the house. The explanation of this is that he had collected money from merchants that he had visited, and had this in the valise, which he did not wish to leave with the negro driver.

The driver admitted that he saw Mr. Norris collect large sums of money from various people, but insisted that he did not see him put it in the valise, and did not know what he did with it.

The trial will require all this week.

MONROE LYNCHERS.

Attempt to Quash Indictments on
Non-Jurisdiction.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., July 18.—Judge Thomas J. Shaw, presiding over a special term of Union County Superior Court, to-day, on the motion of the State, quashed indictments against the alleged lynchings of Johnson at Wadesboro, on the ground that they could not properly be brought in Union county. This counsel for the State accepted, and appealed to the Supreme Court.

The twenty defendants were held in \$5,000 bonds each for their appearance at the next term of Union Superior Court, by which time a decision may have been reached by the State's highest court.

The case of Zeke Lewis is the one at issue, and if the Supreme Court holds that the revision of the Code, which a portion of the indictment was brought forward, has the effect of annulling the provision for trying the case in another county, they will doubtless be remanded to Anson, the county in which the lynching occurred, for trial.

If the court holds otherwise the cases will be heard at some future term of the court in Union county.

TEAM DROWNED.

Backed Off Ferry Boat Into
Deep Water.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., July 18.—A fine double team, owned and driven by J. W. Clink, of Jerusalem, Davie county, was drowned this afternoon while crossing the Yadkin River, eight miles from Salisbury, and Mr. Clink himself had a narrow escape from drowning.

The team frightened and backed off the ferry boat when in the middle of the river, where the water was fifteen feet deep.

Mr. Clink jumped into the water and swam ashore. The loss was about \$50.

FREIGHT COLLISION.

Engineer Badly Injured and
Track Torn Up.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., July 18.—A head-on collision between two freight trains occurred on the Yadkin branch of the Southern Railway near New London, twenty miles from Salisbury last night; by which Engineer C. A. Sigman, in charge of one of the trains, was severely injured. One of his legs was badly broken, besides other injuries being sustained.

The other members of both crews escaped by jumping. The track was badly torn up.

BENT ON LYNCHING LYERLY MURDERERS

Large Amount of Money Raised
to Take Big Crowd to
Charlotte.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SALISBURY, N. C., July 18.—A band of citizens of Rowan are still bent on lynching the seven negroes in Charlotte jail for the murder of four members of the Lyerly family near this city last Saturday.

A large amount of money has been raised to defray the expenses of several hundred men to Charlotte for the purpose of taking the negroes from the jail. The forces are at work, and only time will tell the result.

Feeling is high in the section where the murder was committed. Judge B. P. Long, of Statesville, has been designated by Governor Glenn to preside at the special term of Rowan court to be held August 6th for the trial of the sextette of murderers.

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Will Contest Will.
Before Judge Scott, at the Henric Courthouse, Thursday morning, the will of the late Thaddeus Robinson was contested by Mr. J. H. Robinson. The deceased left all his property to Eddie and Harriet M. Robinson. The jury found in favor of the will, at which the contest for the contesting claimant moved to set aside the verdict. The case was not over until to-day, without the motion being passed upon.

Will Sail To-Morrow.
Counsellman and Mrs. Harry Huber will leave to-morrow for the Old Dominion City of New York. They will visit other points of interest while North, and will remain away several weeks.